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SUBJ: RHODESIAN DEVELOPMENTS: DRAFT EXPANDED, MUZOREWA EXPELS NKOMO

- 1. RHOEDSIAN GOVERNMENT SEPT 11 ANNOUNCED EXTENSION OF MILITARY DRAFT TO INCLUDE ALL NON-AFRICAN MEN BETWEEN AGES 25 AND 38. THIS FOLLOWS RECENT DROPPING OF MOST DEFERMENTS FOR MEN IN 18-25 AGE GROUP. THOSE CALLED UP FOR SERVICE WILL RECEIVE 21 DAYS TRAINING FOLLOWED BY 35 DAYS SERVICE, WHICH NEARLY DOUBLES PRESENT TIME IN UNIFORM.
- 2. MINISTER OF COORDINATION R.E.D. COWPER SAID IN OFFICIAL STATEMENT THAT MEN 25-30 WILL BE TRAINED FOR COMBATANT ROLE WHILE THOSE 30-38 WILL SERVE IN SPECIAL "POLICE GENERAL SERVICE UNIT" OR IN NEW INTERNAL AFFAIRS RESERVE". COWPER SAID HE DID NOT THINK EXPANDED CALL-UP WOULD RESULT IN INCREASED EMIGRATION UNCLASSIFIED

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BECAUSE MEN ARE COMMITTED TO STAY IN RHODESIA AND MANY " ARE

EMBARRASSED THEY HAVE NO ROLE TO PLAY."

3. OTHER COMMENT ON RHODESIAN SECURITY SITUATION INDICATES THAT THOUGH THEY ARE CONCERNED AT THREAT OF INCREASING GUERILLA ACTIVITY, RHODESIAN MILITARY AND POLICE FEEL CAPABLE OF MEETING CHALLENGE. PRESS HAS REPORTED TWO CLASHES WITH " GUERILLAS" IN RECENT DAYS, ONE IN WHICH NINE REPORTEDLY KILLED. AND ANOTHER IN WHICH TWELEVE KILLED.

4. SA PRESS REPORTS FROM LUSAKA THAT ANC PRESIDENT BISHOP ABEL MUZOREWA SEPT 11 ANNOUNCED EXPULSION OF JOSHUA NKOMO, SAMUEL MUNODAWAFA, AND KILLION BHEBE FROM ANC. SPLIT SEEMS WIDENING.

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